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America in the Arabic press.

Al Nida', the Wafdist weekly known for its fertile imagination, publishes a story alleged to have been written by its alleged Washington correspondent, which it headlines: "This Ambassador whom they withdrew, said to his government: The story reads as follows: "I can now reveal the reasons which led to the withdrawal of Mr Pinkney Tuck, America's Ambassador, from his Cairo post. His Excellency sent a most important report to Washington before he was withdrawn from Egypt in which he recorded his conversations with Mokhrashi Pasha and the Arab leaders, and explained to his government that communist principles will thrive in Egypt and the Middle East countries if these countries are not given freedom."

"The Ambassador also said in his report that by supporting Egypt's demands, America would gain much ground in her opposition to Britain in the Middle East. He also pointed out that the Arabs were determined to defend Palestine, and advised his government to be more moderate in its pro-Jewish policy, not to recognize Israel, and not to endorse the partition of Palestine."

"British espionage".

"The British heard of the report, and Sir Ronald Campbell became very furious. He sent a letter to his government saying that he could not cooperate with America's representative in Egypt, Mr Tuck, and asking that London should spare no effort in persuading Washington to withdraw its Ambassador from Egypt. The British Ambassador said in his report that Mr Tuck's enthusiasm for the Egyptian and Palestinian questions were due to the strong and old friendship which existed between him and some senior Egyptians and Arabs.

"Sir Ronald Campbell also explained that many disputes between himself and Mr Tuck had arisen, and that he had tried to make Mr Tuck understand that ordinary diplomatic means of approach to the overwhelming problems in this area were useless, but Mr Tuck kept telling him that the coming war would be fought in the Middle East and that unless the allies adopted an elastic policy they were bound to lose the fight.

"America therefore withdrew her Ambassador from Egypt to please the Jews and the English in exchange for a free hand in the Middle East zone in connection with oil agreements. Britain agreed to the deal in a secret agreement which was concluded between the two countries."

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Rose El Yussuf's article concerning
Mr Truman and Mr Loy Henderson.

Under the headline: "Will Turkey mediate between the Arabs and Jews?", Rose El Yussuf publishes an article alleged to have been written by its alleged Washington correspondent, in which he says: "The White House is subjected to severe and continuous Zionist pressure. Mr Truman found himself overnight threatened with having the signing contracts between his daughter and some companies about to be cancelled. He also saw failure at the Presidential elections staring him in the face. Mr Truman knows that failure at the elections would mean a return to a life of misery and hardship after the nice things he enjoyed at the White House.

"Mr Marshall also found himself in an awkward position. If Mr Truman falls, Mr Marshall will fall with him and then he will have to work in American Companies which are controlled by the Zionists. The gentlemen of the White House decided to do something before it is too late. They kicked Mr Loy Henderson, the greatest expert on Middle East Affairs, out of his job at the State Department and sent him to India. Mr Macdonald, the American Consul at Jerusalem was also dismissed because he had the courage to say that the Jews were behaving indecently in their war.

"The Zionists, however, were not content. They asked for something to be done quickly to satisfy their ambitions. American policy then turned towards Ankara".----

The weekly then goes on to say that America asked Turkey to mediate between the Arabs and Jews and that both Turkey and Transjordan agreed to this step.

American armed forces arrive in
the Middle East, Western Europe, and
North Africa, alleges Al Nida'.

Al Nida', the Wafdist weekly, alleges that large British and American armed forces are pouring into the Middle East, North Africa, and Western Europe. This military demonstration is meant to scare Russia, says the weekly which goes on to say that five British armoured divisions have recently been sent to Fayod and that the Middle East is at present buzzing with English and American spies.

Al Misri comments on Mr Marshall's
visit to Greece.

Under the headline: "Keeping the Russians away from the Mediterranean", Al Misri, the important Wafdist daily, writes: "Mr George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, is visiting Greece at present to study the situation in that country with a view to keeping Russian influence away from Southern Europe and the Mediterranean. This new American activity is part of the Anglo-American plan to help Greece and Turkey by supplying them with money and weapons and anything else that may be needed in establishing a defence line to prevent Russia from reaching the Mediterranean.

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"This policy, however, conflicts directly with the Anglo-American policy in Palestine. The help extended by America and Britain to the Jews in their attempt to establish a Jewish state in Palestine is tantamount to helping the Russians reach the Mediterranean. Sixty per cent of the Jews in Palestine are of Polish, Russian, or Slav origin. Most of them are anarchists or communists.

"According to the British Foreign Office, most of the Jewish immigrants to Palestine have gone to Palestine under Russia's express orders. We know that Russia has sent Russian officers and technicians to Palestine. Moreover there is every indication that there is a secret treaty of alliance between Jewish leaders and Russia. It is indeed strange that America and Britain know all this and yet they continue to help the Jews against the Arabs and so help the Russians to put their plans into effect".

The Palestinian War.

The latest news from the Palestinian battlefield is splashed across the front page of every Arabic daily in the country. Special prominence is given to last night's (October 18th) alleged Jewish air-raid on Cairo. According to press reports the Egyptians have scored great victories and the Jews suffered heavy casualties.

Al Misri suggests that the Jews seem determined to commit suicide and that the more they persist in attacking the mighty Egyptian army the more Jewish soldiers will die.

Rose El Yussuf, the pro-government weekly, says that it would be difficult for the Arabs to end the truce formally and resume the fight for fear of U.N. sanctions being applied against them. But there is nothing to stop the Arabs organizing guerilla warfare in Palestine on a large scale.

Al Assas, Nokrashi Pasha's mouthpiece, quotes the Prime Minister as saying that U.N. Observer Signor Azcarate called on him last night (Oct. 18th) to ask him if the Egyptian Government would agree to a 3-day truce on the Egyptian front. While they were talking, said the P.M., the air-raid took place. "The air-raid served as an answer to the Signor's request", added the Pasha.

His Excellency's trip to Syria.

Al Ahram prints the following story: Damascus October 18 (A.N.A) - Mr. Stanton Griffis, American Ambassador to Egypt, who arrived here yesterday afternoon with a party of American journalists, made a tour of inspection of camps for Palestine refugees. After calling at the Presidential Palace, Mr. Griffis was the guest at dinner of Dr. Mohsen el-Barazy, Syrian Foreign Minister. He left for Cairo today.

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The Jews of Iraq.

Al Ahram reports that all Jewish government officials in Iraq have been dismissed from their posts and that the Grand Rabbi of Iraq has been arrested along with several Jewish millionaires, famous among whom are Zilkha (one of the owners of the Zilkha bank), Salom Shamoun, Stanley Shashou, and Haim Nathnael Shamoun was fined one million pounds and sentenced to four years with hard labour. The others are in jail awaiting trial.

It is interesting to note that the Arabic press has reported recently that Iraq's financial position was rather precarious and that Prime Minister Al Pachachi had come to Egypt recently to negotiate a five million pound loan.

The Wafd party goes to the Sudan.

Al Nida' reports that Nahas Pasha, two members of the Wafd Executive, and four well-known Wafddists are visiting the Sudan on November 10th.

The proposed visit is the object of ridicule by Rose El Yussuf, the pro-government weekly. It says that the British are rather embarrassed by this visit. If they allow Nahas Pasha to enter the Sudan, people will say that he is a tool in the hands of the British. If they refuse him permission, he will be considered by the Egyptians and Sudanese to be a hero. A series of amusing cartoons are published by the daily. A cartoon shows Nahas Pasha and Fouad Scrag Eldine Pasha half naked and kneeling before the Sudan Governor-General. Nahas Pasha is saying to Sir Robert Howe: "Ye brave lion of the Sudan. I came to pay my respects to you and to let you know that I am unhappy in Egypt. Can you not make me Prime Minister of the Sudan?"

Primary education in Egypt is
free ----- theoretically.

Sawt Al Umma reports that the Egyptian Ministry of Education has instructed headmasters of Egyptian primary schools not to admit pupils into their schools unless they paid certain fees. The daily points out that according to law primary education is free and that the government's action is at once unfair and illegal.
